

Homophobic Bullying in Schools

In light of horrifying statistics on homophobic bullying in schools and the particular vulnerability of LGBT young people outlined in research by the Stonewall organisation, this council asks the Mayor and the Executive Lead for Children, Schools & Families to commission work to :-

- 1) investigate, with the utmost sensitivity, the extent of homophobic bullying in our schools and to engage with the Stonewall organisation, LGBT young people and/or other relevant organisations, to understand the issues around homophobic bullying.
- 2) to discover what is currently being done by schools and youth organisations in the bay to combat homophobic bullying amongst young people and to find out whether teachers and non-teaching staff in schools feel equipped to deal with it.
- 3) to ensure that all organisations that work with young people in the bay, including schools and youth organisations have strategies to combat homophobic bullying towards LGBT young people.
- 4) To draw up a bay wide strategy for combating homophobia across all age groups.

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